

**Abstract**

[0066] System and method of communicating a plurality of food orders in a restaurant from a plurality of portable ordering devices to a food preparation area. Handwritten  
5 indicia representative at least an aspect of one of the plurality of food orders is created on one of the plurality of ordering devices. The indicia is communicated wirelessly from the one of the plurality of portable ordering devices for display in the food preparation area. Completion of the one of the plurality of orders can, optionally, be wirelessly communicated to the one of the plurality of portable ordering devices.